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The references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in a "Notice of Reasons for Rejection" for a corresponding Japanese patent application on February 26, 2002. A copy of each of the cited references and an English language translation of the notice are enclosed.

Japanese Patent Application Laid Open Gazette No. 2001-156051 was published on June 8, 2001, subsequent to the filing of the subject application, therefore is not enclosed herewith.

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